Garden Talk

By
Appomattox Garden Club

Let's talk about planning next season's borders and gardens in order to have a riot of color from February till Jack Frost puts the last blossom to rest. Because no plants bloom their fullest the entire season, getting continuous color becomes a matter of choosing a succession of plants to produce the color effects wanted. This can be done with early bulbs, featured with backgrounds of early forsythia and japonica, and followed by a succession of such plants as snapdragons, stocks, delphiniums, petunias, etc., which keep the garden colorful right up to cold weather.

All planning for a long season of uninterrupted bloom becomes much simpler when you realize that whenever you feature a flowering plant for its bloom, you are handling one of the following— an annual, a biennial, or perennial, a woody plant, or a bulb.

An annual plant is a fast growing plant that completes its life cycle — from seed to flower to seed again — in a single year or less. Examples of these are zinnias, cosmos, sweet -alyssum, marigolds, sweetwilliam, English daisies, etc.

A perennial plant is one whose normal life is longer than two years. "Hardy perennials," such as iris and peonies, can stand severe winter cold. "Tender perennials," such as zonal geraniums and marguerittes are likely to be killed by freezing temperatures. In general usage, the term perannial is rstricted to plants with more or less soft stems, which die down in the fall and come up in spring ,year after year. Examples other than iris and peonies, are coreopsis, delphiniums, coralbells, hardy asters, shasta daisies, etc.

A woody plant is one, with hard woodlike stems, which live from season to season. Trees, most shrubs and some vines such as wisteria, and trumpet-vine are woody plants.

Most bulbs are perennials, but because of their specialized manner of storing strength for another year, are classified separately. They are further divided into "hardy" bulbs, as tuilips, and "tender" bulbs as fancyleaf coladiums.

Under bulbs, by popular usage, are put gladiolas, which grow from corms—the technically correct term; dahlias, certain begonias, cannas, and others which renew themselves each season - from food storage roots termed more exactly tubers.

When you plan an informal mixed border, you're adopting America's most popular way of growing flowers. You can fill all your space with long-lived perennials, such as peonies, iris, and daylilies. Or you can use these as the backbone of your planting and get more color by filling in between them with bright annuals for summer and fall —zinnias, marigolds, asters, mallows, and cosmos.

You can add a lot of color with summer bulbs such as dahlias, gladiolas, and summer blooming flowers growing in happy combination like huge bouquets, is simply this:choose a list of bold flowers that bloom in succession, as iris, peony, daylily, phlox, and chrysanthemums. Locate several of these in prominent places in your border or garden. Then build up the importance of each of your principal flowers in its particular season by planting near it lesser flowers chosen for their flattering colors and contrasting shapes. If you want a border of color than ranges from white through yellow, and to red - orange, and yellow - bronze, then select these tints and shades in crocus, daffodils, iris, tulips, daylilies, daisies, etc. If you want colors from white through pink, lavender, violet - red, and violet, then plan from the first white snowdrop and lavender crocus, to the pink phlox, and rose gladiolas and petunias. Your border or garden is in your hands—it can be as orderly and satisfying as the painting of an old English garden. Or it can be as modern and brilliant as the latest example of abstract art. But the most satisfying probably is the informal colorful mass arrangement in the natural manner. Which one will you have?

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Stonewall

Stonewall, July 31.- It seems as if the year is just flying by, as tomorrow is August 1st, and soon it will be time for the schools to begin for another term.

Please, don't forget the revival is in progress at Bethel Church this week, and will begin at Hebron Church next Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend both meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Lee and family attended the home - coming day at her old home church at Bethany on the Concord Circuit last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings visited in Kingston, N. C., over the week-end with their son and his family, Mr. George Jennings.

Mr. Claude Chick, of Danville, spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

We are all so happy to know that the Davidson home was not burned down last week, when it had fire to damage it so badly.

There was a large crowd at the shower given for Miss Arlene Drinkard at the Community Center last Saturday night. She will soon be married and will go to live in Texas. Best wishes go with this fine young lady and her new life with her better half. She received loads of nice and useful gifts for her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Nixon have returned home after spending their vacation here with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnett.

Mrs. R. H. Routon and boys spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary Lucy Alvis at Spout Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Braford and children and Mrs. John Burnett spent Sunday in Petersburg with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton have returned home from their vacation to Canada and other points of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stephenson, Jr., and little daughter, Cynthia, of Norfolk, expect to arrive here on Thursday of this week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick over the week-end.

Mrs. Henry Beard gave her little niece, Janet, and her son, Lawrence a picnic dinner at Peaks of Otter on last Sunday. Janet expects to return to Norfolk next week, after spending July with her aunt and her grandparents.

Miss Annie Tee Davidson is visiting with relatives in Roanoke.

Richwood

Richwood, July 31.- "It's better to carry a single flower to a living friend at any hour, than pile hosts of roses, white and red, upon his coffin when he is dead." —Quoted.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Ferguson and daughter, Judy and Miss Chris Garrett and Mrs. G. P. Brannan and daughters, Val and Georgie Belle, were the dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Woodridge.

Horace Martin, U. S. N., who has been spending some time with his family left Monday evening for Florida, where he is stationed.

Mrs. Jack N. Hamilton and children have returned to their home in Key West, Florida, after spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh. Mr. Hamilton is stationed there with the U. S. Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Paulett and children were in Lynchburg on business Friday.

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FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Let's Seed Alfalfa for Hay

Alfalfa can well be the cheapest hay crop that is produced on the farm if a good stand is obtained as the result of soil test, a good variety and proper fertilization. Since alfalfa is a very exacting crop, a soil sample should be taken before seeding in order to determine lime requirements and fertility level of the field.

Select fields that are of heavy soil and are well drained.

Seeding should take place after the first good rain in August.

Those who have had no experience in seeding alfalfa or have failed to get a stand over a period of years may find it helpful to secure a leaflet entitled, "Alfalfa Seeding Suggestions" from the county agent's office.

Pasture Is Cheap Feed

Pasture constitutes the cheapest feed that a livestock man can secure. Many farms have inadequate pastures or pastures that are low in production. Since pasture seeding time is at hand, it is well that all farm owners consider the possibilities of seeding additional pasture this fall. There are many areas in the county that should not be in row crops and are very well adapted to the growing of orchard grass or fescue with ladino clover.

A soil sample and proper fertilization will help make pasture the cheapest feed that the farm will produce.

A new leaflet has just been made available, entitled, "Here's How to Seed that Pasture," which is available at the county agent's office and will be of help to those who are planning to seed pastures this fall. All pasture seeding should be completed by the 15th of September.

Save Hay with Winter Pasture

Many farmers indicate that there may be a hay shortage for their cattle this winter. This can be corrected by seeding of winter pasture now. A combination of small grains and crimson clover will increase the quality and amount of forage produced. A small grain mixture consisting of oats, rye and barley may be used at the rate of 2 to 4 bushels per acre and 15 pounds of crimson clover seeded between now and the 15th of September, with 5 to 700 pounds of 5-10-10. If crimson clover is not to be included, then a 10-10-10 or 8-8-8 should be substituted.

Tobacco Diseases

Some farmers have reported that tobacco is dying because of unknown conditions in the field. Those farms having this problem should report this condition to the county agent in order that he might visit the farm and help determine what disease is present.

Granville Wilt and Black Shank have been found in the county this year. Where such diseases are found, it will be necessary to remove tobacco from these fields or set up a rotation using a resistant variety.

Japanese Beetle Present in County

A team of workers from the State Department of Agriculture has just completed a survey of Appomattox County to determine the presence of Japanese Beetles.

Throughout the Stonewall area they found an abundance of the insects. This is the first time that the insect has been found in quantity in Appomattox County.

It may become necessary that farmers plan a control program for the beetle. They are particularly damaging to corn, ornamentals, and grapes. To control the beetle on corn that is not to go into sileage, spray the border of fields with 2 quarts per acre of a 25% DDT emulsion concentrate in water. Farm owners may like to inspect the presence of these insects on sassafrass and other plants along the roadside. Control of insects this year can well reduce the population for future years.

Get Calves Ready for Market

Livestoik men who want top profits when they sell their calves this fall have a few chores ahead of them. Whether you plan to market through an organized feeded calf sale this fall, or sell privately, it is time to be getting calves ready for public appraisal.

Farmers who are short of pasture, are advised to cull calves which will not grade atleast medium and sell them for veal now. The cow market has held up, and it may be a good idea to also sell some of the old cows.

Herd owners who are in need of additional pasture or feed are also advised to consider creep feeding. Two months creep feeding will help bolster both weight and grade of calves. In last year's feeded sales, there was an average differences of around $10.00 ahead between good and good choice, and between medium and good grade calves.

All the organized sales planned this fall will require proper castration and dehorning. Any time an open wound from either dehorning or castrating is made in the summer, it is necessary to use a good fly repellant, preferably one which contains tar and bone oil so it will stick.

Outlook Bright for Cattle Prices

Appomattox livestock men, along with those throughout the nation can expect some summer and early fall strength in the fed cattle market.

Basis for this forecast is the fact that feeders in the main feeding states had 10 per cent fewer cattle on feed the first of July than they did a year ago. The figures represented a drop of 22 per cent from the number on feed April 1 of this year.

Reason for the drop in number on feed during the April - June quarter stemmed from a 8 per cent heavier slaughter. In the fact of this, only 5 per cent more feeder cattle were placed on feed over last year.

Most of the decrease was in heavy cattle on feed - compared with April 1. Cattle which had been on feed three months or more were down 18 per cent from last year; those on feed less than three months were up 4 per cent. The increase in short feeding apparently was concentrated mainly in the West.

Supplies of finished cattle in the last half of 1956 will be less than a year ago by a significant amount —although total cattle slaughter will be about equal to last year.

Spreads between grades have narrowed since winter, but this trend is about to reverse. Supplies of the lower grade cattle will [illegible] And supplies of upper [illegible] decrease relatively.

If the trend toward short feeding spreads, it [illegible] some tapering off in the [illegible] cattle prices toward the end [illegible] year.

WEED CONTROL IN LA

The best way to control [illegible] is to encourage turf grasses [illegible] vide the necessary shade. [illegible] crabgrass cannot survive [illegible] correct rates of adapted [illegible] turf grass species. Fertilize [illegible] spring and/or in the fall [illegible] late dense sod. A thorough [illegible] once a week encourages [illegible] rooted species and discourages shallow-rooted crabgrass.

Potassium cyanate (HOCN) 3½ ounces or 7 tablespoons, phanyl mercuric acetate (PMA) at 1¼ ounces or 2 tablespoons, taining 10 per cent PMA by weight in 2 gallons of water per 1,000 square feet of lawn surface are used to kill crabgrass and [illegible] applications should have been made early in the spring did not get [illegible] ed at about 10-day intervals. Best care areas results, reseed in the fall. Bermuda grass is best eliminated from lawns by [illegible] with (sodium tri-chloroacetate) at [illegible] pound, or Dalapon at 1-4 per 1 gallon of water, for foliage thoroughly with either of two solutions. These chemicals kill all grasses and [illegible] be needed.

Fall applications of 2,4-D suggested to control broad leaved weeds, such as dandelion, plantain, curled dock, wild onion, wild garlic, wild violet, chickweed and henbit. Use 1 [illegible] tablespoons of an amine salt of 2,4-D (any product which contains [illegible] pounds of 2,4-D per gallon of actual concentrate) in 2 gallons of water per 1,000 square feet. Both fall applications of fertilizer and lime will stimulate the existing grass in the areas from which the weeds are killed.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, July 31.- [illegible] Mrs. Harold Hatcher spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hatcher, before their return home after a month's vacation at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Supper guests Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette were the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Adkins and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Coleman.

Mrs. Alma Harris and son, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen across the Allen's family on a picnic at Holliday Lake Sunday.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hatcher Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hatcher, Roanoke, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Reynolds, of Florida.

Friends are glad to hear that Mrs. Elsie Mcgginson is improving

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Oakville

Oakville, Aug. 1- Mrs. Branch Coleman, of Spout Spring, spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. O. W. Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goodman, of Springfield, Ohio, who have been visiting relatives in the county for the past week, spent Wednesday, July 25, in the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin. Mrs. Goodman Moore is spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Drinkard and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin and girls, Kathy and Connie and Mrs. Gibbs Martin, Barbara, Geraldine and Alfred Carol Martin, and Miss Gaynell Martin motored to Roanoke Sunday for the day, where they met with relatives for a picnic lunch at Lake Side.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sneed, of Preston, West Virginia, are visiting Mrs. Maggie Gardner.

NEWS FOR VETERANS

Veterans training under the Korean GI Bill may not draw GI unemployment and GI training pay at the same time, since simultaneous use of the two GI benefits is illegal, Veterans Administration said.

Even though a veteran is not working while taking Korean GI Bill training, he still would not be eligible for the unemployment allowances.

Unemployment payments are limited to Korea veterans actively looking for work, who are not receiving GI training benefits, according to VA.

A veteran who, for any reason, does draw both payments at once would be required to return his unemployment allowance to the State from which he received it. Also, under the law, he may be liable for a fine of up to $1,000, or imprisonment of up to one year, or both.

Unemployment pay - administered by the U. S. Department of Labor through the states - may range up to $26 a week for a maximum of 26 weeks.

GI training allowances - handled by VA - range from $110 to $160 a month, for veterans in school full time. Lower monthly rates are paid to part-time trainees, and to veterans training on-the-job or on the farm.

TREE FARM SYSTEM IS WORKING

Washington, D. C- The American Tree Farm System of growing timber as a crop on private lands gained nearly 2 million acres during the first half of 1956, according to midyear figures announced by C. A. Gillett, managing director of American Forest Products Industries, the national sponsor.

Certified Tree Farm acreage in 43 participating states now totals 39,587,554 acres as compared to 37,838,910 acres last January 1, and 35,396,564 on July 1, a year ago.

The Tree Farm program is an industry - sponsored movement to recognize private landowners who voluntarily protect their woodlands from fire, insects, disease and destructive grazing and who harvest for repeated crops.

Georgia, with 3,795,743 acres enrolled, retains national leadership, followed closely by Florida, with 3,603,014 acres; Alabama with 3,-558,242 acres; Oregon with 3,521,-931 acres; Texas, 3,389,881 acres; Arkansas, 3,372,423 acres; and Washington, 3,322,9,4 acres.

Mississipi leads in the number of certified Tree Farms: 910. Texas is second with 831, and Alabama is third with 663.

Three more states launched the Tree Farm program during the first half of this year — Vermont, Connecticut and New York.

Launching ceremonies in Indiana are planned for this month.

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Transco News

Lloyd Hudson and his crew entertained Transco Club members and their families last Thursday with a Brunswick stew. There were approximately 70 people present.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Branagan, of Alexandria, Va., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bryant and family are spending several days in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCloud, of Newport News spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ferguson, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Beamer, Joan and Jimmy are leaving next week for two weeks vacationing in Norfolk and Eagle Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Fleniken will return home this week-end, after vacationing in Houston, Texas.

GIRLS SOFTBALL GAME

The Appomattox Garment Company girls' softball team played the Virginia Novelty Co. girl's team Wednesday night of last week. The score was 19 to 12 in favor of the Novelty Co. Pitchers for Novelty Co. were Betty Baldwin and Jean Kress, and catching was Venne McKenney. For Appomattox Garment Co., pitcher was Hilda Woody and catcher was Jane Chernault.

Scoring for Appomattox Garment Co. were: Woody 2 runs; Chernault 1 run; Williams, 2 runs; Jennings, 1 run; Franklin, 3 runs; Page, 1 run; and Harvey, 2 runs. Scoring for Novelty Co. were: E. Beale, 2 runs; Baldwin, 1; Phelps, 2; Y. Beale, 2; Watson, 1; Mitchell 3; McKinney 3; Martin, 4.

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NEW DIE FOR LETTERS

The first group of cancellation dies carrying the slogan "Pray for Peace" have been furnished to 50 of the nation's largest post offices, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has reported.

Dies for other first-class and second class post offices will be manufactured and supplied as quickly as possible, Mr. Summerfield added.

President Eisenhower on June 20 signed into law H. R. 692 (Public Law 600) authorizing special "Pray for Peace" cancellation dies to be furnished to first and second - class post offices (those with annual receipts of $8,000 or more, which handle about 97 per cent of U. S. mail volume.

Postmaster General Summerfield announced the same day that the Post Office Department was taking prompt steps to supply the dies to the post offices affected.

"This motto," he commented, "epitomizes the highest aspirations of the American people."

The new dies generally will be attached to high - speed cancelling machines, and will imprint the "Pray for Peace" cancellation on millions of first class letters every day.

An estimate from the Washington, D. C. Post Office, for example, indicates the intlal die that is being furnished for one cancelling machine will cancel upwards of 80,000 first-class letters, with the "Pray for Peace" slogan, in an average day's operation.

Approximately the same rate of cancellation would apply in other cities.

Senator Estes Kefauver withdraws from the race for the Democratic nomination for President.

Stevenson is now considered sure to get Democratic nomination for President.

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Spout Spring

Spout Spring, July 31.- Miss Peggy Adams, of N. C., who has been visiting Miss Ellen and Sarah Adams for the past two weeks, returned home Sunday. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Adams and daughters.

Miss Frances Carson is spending this week with her grandmother.

The Rev. and Mrs. Woodrow Giles visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Almond and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moon.

Mr. Geo. Carson and family spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Chaulebois and daughter, Carrie, of Roanoke spent the week-end in the home of Mr. Ernest Smith and Mrs. Georgia Schindler.

BIBLE MOST COPIES

Paris.- According to a U. N. Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization survey, the Bible is stil the most widely translated book in the world. After the Bible, the writings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin are translated the most. The fairy tales of Grimm, and Andersen, "The Arabian Nights," the works of Cervantes, Goethe, Shakespeare, Molliere, Tolstoy, and Mark Twain are other "old favorites," that have been translated into more than 15 languages.

Special Course at W. & M.

Williamsburg, Va.- Problems and recent trends in junior high school education will be the topic of a three-week course to be offered this summer by the College of William and Mary for teachers and school administrative personnel.

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